GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

P.W (1954) Department. (9)

~~Endorsement~~
~~D.O.~~
Memorandum
~~Lodged~~

No. 4-745 A/54-2

Dated 1-3- 1954

Passed Mr Supdt 3/16/54

BACK ~~FURTHER~~ PAPERS.

Department.	Number.	Series.	Date.
PWD	1614	G.O.Ms	27-4-50 (Work sanctioned)
PWD	4944	G.O.Ms.	3-12-1951 (LA-9)
PWD	5071 Further Papers	G.O.Ms	11-12-195[illegible] (Sub-Committee Estimate sanctioned)
PWD.	1662	G.O.Rt	13/12/54 (Further term[illegible])

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

From

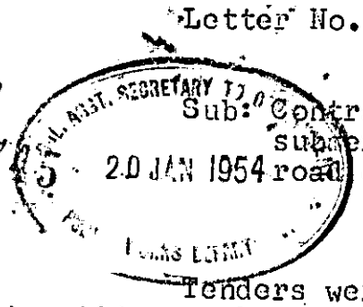
Sri K.K.Nambiar, B.E., M.I.E.(Ind.)
F.Inst.H.E.(Eng.)M.I.Mun.E.(Eng.)
M.Am.Soc.C.E.,
Chief Engineer(Highways
Chepauk, Madras-5

To -

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

Letter No.193-D2/54-1 dated 18 January 1954.

Sir,



Sub: Contracts - S.Kanara Division - Constructing a submersible bridge at M.15/1 of Bisley Ghat road - Tender proposals.

Tenders were called for on 29.5.52 for the work viz., constructing a submersible bridge at M.15/1 of Bisley Ghat Road sanctioned in G.O.No.5071 Public Works dated 11.12.51. Four premium tenders were received and as the rates were high they were rejected. Tenders were again called for on 17.9.52 and two tenders were received as indicated below:

Name	Per cent including cost of cement
(1) Sri P.Ramaswami & Co., Coimbatore	30.4 % above
(2) Sri Modern Housing Construction & Properties Ltd.,	39.6 % above estimate rates.

With a view to reduce the rates further the Superintending Engineer negotiated with the tenderers and no further reduction was possible. The Superintending Engineer's proposal to accept the tender of Sri P. Ramaswami & Company was accepted by me subject to the withdrawal of the following condition included in the tender.

" Sufficient working space near the bridge site for our offices and stores should be acquired for by the Department and handed over to us. Quarries and approaches to quarries must be acquired and handed over to us."

2/ Sri P.Ramaswami & Company did not agree to withdraw the condition and instructions were issued to take up the work departmentally. The Superintending Engineer has since reported that great difficulty is experienced in getting the work done departmentally in the out of the way malarial locality because of deep foundations and loose soils in foundation. The Divisional Engineer negotiated with Sri Modern Housing Construction & Properties Ltd., Madras. They reduced the rate for one item which results in a total reduction of Rs.20,625. Certain conditions were also got modified or withdrawn. The Superintending Engineer has recommended their present offer which works out to 30.18 per cent above estimate rates. Considering all aspects of the case and the conditions obtaining in South Kanara District I recommend that the offer of Sri Modern Housing Construction and Properties Ltd., Madras at 30.18% above estimate rates may be accepted.

3/ The tender papers are enclosed for reference and return

4/ Very early orders are requested.

18/1/54

for CHIEF ENGINEER(HIGHWAYS)

1th Enclosure

nclosure:

(1) 4 tenders received on 29.5.52.

(2) 2 tenders received on 17.9.52.

(3)(a) Letter d/ 9.7.53. from Sri P.Ramaswami & Co.

(b) Consent letter d/ 30.7.53 d/ 11.12.53 of Sri Modern Construction & Properties Ltd.,

(c) Copy of S.E's Letter d/ 1.12.53.

(4) Comparative statement and statement of particulars.

Ref to CE(H) Note below

Highways, Coimbatore.

Division: S

Name of work.	Estimate.	Particulars of tenders called and received.				Proposa
		Date	Nos. received.	Name of contractor.	Percentage.	Name of contractor.
Constructing a submersible bridge at mile 15/1 of Bisley ghat road.	Rs. 2,58,000	29-5-52	4	1)M/s Gannon Dunkerley & Co., Madras.	69.52% above est. rates.	
				2)M.H.C.P. Ltd., Madras.	40.93% above.	
				3)M.R.Viswanathan, Tiruchi.	57.85% above.	
				4)M/s P.Ramaswamy & Co.,	89.73% above.	
		17-9-52	2	1)M/s P.Ramaswamy & Co.,	30.5% above.	M/s Lt
				2) M/s M.H.C.P. Ltd.,	39.6% above.	Mad

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now recommended.		Rules under which approval is sought for.	Reasons for recommending.	Value of contract as per estimate.	Value of contract as per tender or offer.	Remarks.
Percentage.	Whether tender or negotiated offer.					
.H.C.P. 30.18% , s.	offer above estimate rates.		As there is no scope of getting lesser rates, the negotiated offer or Sri Modern Housing Construction & Properties Ltd., is recommended.	Rs. 2,26,343	Rs. 2,94,655/-	When compared with exclusive of cost of cement steel, the percentage works out to 44.45% above.

(True Copy)

19/1/54
for Chief Engineer (Highways)

Item No.	Probable Quantity in figures.	Description of work
(1)	(2)	(3)
		Name of work: Constructing a submersible bridge across Gundia river at
1.	30000 cubic feet.	Earthwork excavation for foundation in all soils excluding ro requiring blasting above water level including all leads and lifts.
2.	30000 Cubic feet.	Earthwork excavation for foundation in all soils excluding ro requiring blasting, below water level including all leads and lifts, forming islands or ring bunds, strutting, shoring etc. but exclusive of pumpting and bailing charges (lump sum for shoring, strutting etc., is added at the end as item 20) (S.I.No.7-D).
3.	3500 Square feet.	Benching rock in foundation exclusive of pumping and bailing charges.
4.	5,900 Cubic-feet.	Cement concrete(1:3:6) with 1½" size hard granite broken stone in foundation of abutments, wings and piers, including cost and conveyance of all materials, forming islands or ring bunds, shoring, strutting etc., but exclusive of pumping and bailing charges and cost of cemeht which will be supplied departmentally free of cost.
5.	13,200 Cubic feet.	Coursed rubble masonry(second sort) in cement mortar(1:5) including cost and conveyance of all materials but exclusive of pumping and bailing charges and cost of cement which will be supplied departmentally free of cost.
6.	36,500 Cubic feet.	Coursed rubble masonry FIRST SORT in cement mortar (1:6) incl ding cost and conveyance of all materials but exclusive of pu ing and bailing charges and cost of cement which will be supplied departmentally free of cost.
7.	620 Cubic feet.	Cement concrete(1:3:6) with 1" size hard granite broken stone for levelling course over piers and abutments including cost and conveyance of all materials but excluding cost of cement which will be supplied departmentally free of cost.
8.	25,385 Cubic feet.	Reinforced cement concrete(1:2:4) with 3/4" size hard granite broken stone for deck slab with about 5 lbs. of steel reinforcement for cubic foot of concrete, including cost and conveyance of all materials(except cost of cement and steel which will be supplied departmentally free of cost) but including labour for cutting, bending, tying and placing reinforcement in position as specified, centering, curing etc., complete.
9.	10500 Square feet.	Cement concrete(1:1½:3) with 66-2/3% of 1" size hard granite broken stone and 22-1/3% of 1/2" size hard granite broken stone for wearing coat over deck slab - (3" uniform thickness including cost and conveyance of all materials (except cement which will be supplied departmentally free of cost) but inclu ding labour for placing concrete, finishing, curing etc., com
10.		Mild steel wrought and put up for possible variations(increas decrease) in the quantity of reinforcement from those stipula in the various items of reinforced concrete scheduled above, excluding cost of steel but including cost of cutting, bendin tying and placing reinforcement in position etc.,

of tenders received

	Unit in words.	Estimate rates and amount excluding cost of cement and steel.		Tender of M/s P.Ramaswamy & Co., Coimbatore.		Tender of M/s Modern Housing Construction & Properties Ltd., Madras.		Remarks.
		Rate.	Amount.	Rate.	Amount.	Rate.	Amount.	
	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
mile 15/1 of Bisley ghat road in South Kanara district.								
k	One thousand cubic feet.	L.S	1,500-0-0	100-0-0	3,000-0-0	60-0-0	1,800-0-0	
k	One thousand cubic feet.			1,000-0-0	30,000-0-0	500-0-0	15,000-0-0	
	One square foot.	1-4-0	4,375-0-0	2-0-0	7,000-0-0	2-0-0	7,000-0-0	
	One hundred cubic feet.	77-9-9	4,578-15-0	200-0-0	11,800-0-0	225-0-0	13,275-0-0	
	One hundred cubit feet.	103-1-0	13,604-4-0	150-0-0	19,800-0-0	125-0-0	16,500-0-0	
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	One hundred cubic feet.	136-9-9	847-0-0	100-0-0	620-0-0	125-0-0	775-0-0	
	one cubic foot.	2-2-6	54,736-7-0	3-0-0	76,155-0-0	4-0-0	1,01,540-0-0	
	one hundred sq.Ft.	27-12-9	2,918-11-0	50-0-0	5,250-0-0	46-0-0	4,830-0-0	
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(1)	(2)	(3)
11.	20000 cubic feet.	Earthwork excavation in all soils within initial lead and lift for forming approach roads.
12.	10000 cubic feet.	Extra for every additional 10 yard lead or part thereof over the initial lead.
13.	10000 cubic feet.	Extra for every additional one yard lift or part thereof over the initial lift.
14.	11700 Cubic feet.	Collection and supply of gravel for soling and metalling including cost and conveyance of gravel and stacking at site.
15.	10,100 Sq.ft.	Spreading gravel for soling in three layers of 4" thick each watering and consolidating by hand roller inclusive of all water leads.
16.	3950 cubic feet.	Collection and supply of 1½" I.R.C. size hard granite broken stone including cost, conveyance and stacking at site.
17. (a)	9400 Sq.ft.	Spreading hard granite broken stone 1½" I.R.C. size to a depth of 3" hand packing metal to camber, watering and consolidating by hand roller including spreading the required quantity of gravel and all leads for water (bottom layer)
(b)	9400 Sq.ft.	Spreading hard granite broken stone 1½" I.R.C. size to a depth of 2" hand packing metal to camber, watering and consolidating by hand roller including spreading the required quantity of gravel and all water leads(top layer).
18.	3550 c.ft.	Rough stone dry packing 1'-0" thick for revetments with granite stones including cost and conveyance of all materials.
19.	1,250 Cubic feet.	Gravel backing six inches thick for revetment including cost and conveyance of all materials.
20 (a)		L.S. for shoring strutting, forming islands etc., but exclusive of pump charges (out of Rs.5,000/- allowed in the estimate towards "Providing cc ing in foundation etc., - item 18 in the estimate, a sum of Rs. 3,000/- the above and the balance of Rs.2,000/- stands towards bailing and pumpi
(b)		Add conveyance charges of cement and steel from Uppinagady section stor as the rate for items 4 to 9 (6 items) are exclusive of the same (cemer being supplied at Uppinangady section store) Rs.12,533-1-0 as per detail

I. When tenders are compared exaluding cost of cement & steel.

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II When compared including cost of cement & steel

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ne hundred ~~cubic~~ Sq. feet.	1-2-0	105-12-0	6-0-0	564-0-0	6-0-0	564-0-0	
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for CHIEF ENGINEER (HIGHWAYS).

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT.
1-FEB 1954
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

From

Sri K.K.Nambiar,B.E.,M.I.E.(Ind
F.Inst.H.E.(Eng.)M.I.Mun.E.(Eng
M.Am.Soc.C.E.,
Chief Engineer(Highways)
Chepauk,Madras-5

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

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Letter No.193-D2/54-3 dated 30.1.54.

Sir,

Sub: Contracts - South Kanara Division - Constructing a submersible bridge at M.15/1 of Bisley Ghat Road - Tender proposals.

Ref: This office letter No.193 D2/54-1 dated 18.1.54.

A reference is invited to the tender proposals submitted in this office letter cited above. Much time has already been lost in negotiation etc. It is considered that the work may be started immediately in the present working season. The matter may therefore be treated as very urgent and orders approving the proposals may please be issued expeditiously.

30/1/54.

for CHIEF ENGINEER(HIGHWAYS)

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P.W.D.(A).

MEMORANDUM NO.4745 A/54- 2 Dated 1-3-54

Sub: Contracts - Highways Deptt. - South Kanara Division - Constructing submersible bridge at M.15/1 of Bisley Ghat Road - Tender Proposals.

Ref: From the C.E.(H) letter No.193-D2/54-1, dated 18-1-54.

It is observed that the rate for R.C.C. slab quoted by the Modern Housing Construction & Properties Ltd. is as on 30-7-53. In view of the recent fluctuations in the price of certain materials it is considered desirable to obtain revised tenders based on up-to-date conditions existing in the market. The C.E.(H) is, therefore, requested to call for fresh tenders for the work and to report the matter to Govt.

2. The tender papers received with the letter cited are returned to the C.E.(H).

To

The C.E.(H), with tender papers.

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HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

From
Sri K.K.Nambiar, B.E.M.I.E.(Ind)
F.Inst.H.E.(Eng)M.I.Mun.E.(Eng)
M.Am.Soc.C.E.,
Chief Engineer (Highways)
Chepauk, Madras.5.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department, Madras

Sir,

Letter No. 193-D2/54-5 Dated. 15/5/54.

Sub: Contracts-Highways Department-South Kanara Division.-constructing submersible bridge at mile 15/1 of Bisley Ghat road-Tender proposals.

Ref: Govt. Memo No. 4745-A/54-2 Dated 1-3-1954. P.W.C.F/E

Arrangements are being made to call for fresh tenders after verifying the details of work so far done departmentally. As however the monsoon will break on shortly no work will be possible for the next four months.

DN 17/5/54.

for Chief Engineer (Highways)

17.5.54

Submitted for perusal

May be filed with Memo No 4745 A/54-2 dated 1-3-54 at (E). CE has been considered that the work after all is not desperately urgent

P.W (A-2)

17/5 (E)/P.W.C. P.Ws, dated 1-3-54 at (E).

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(E) 21.5.54.

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Sub:-Contracts - Highways Department - South Kanara Division - Constructing submersible bridge at M15/1 of Bisley Ghat road - Tender proposals

Ref:-From the C.E.(H) letter No.193-D2/54-1 dated 18-1-54 and No.193-D2/54-3 dated 30-1-54.

The letters on pp.1 and 9 c.f. from the C.E. may be read.

2. In G.O.No.1614, P.W. dated 27-4-1950 the Govt. approved an estimate for Rs.1.10 lakhs for constructi a causeway at M15/1 of the Bisley Ghat road in South Kanara District. Subsequently the C.E. stated that, on detailed investigation, it was found necessary to construct a submersible bridge at the site in lieu of a causeway. He therefore submitted an estimate for Rs.2.4 lakhs for the construction of a submersibl bridge. His estimate was approved in G.O.No.5071, P.W. dated 11-12-51.

3. The C.E. has now submitted for the approval of the Government tender proposals for the work. He has reported that tenders were called for the work on 29-5-52, that as the rates of four tenders receive were high, these tenders were rejected, that fresh tenders were ~~again~~ called for on 17-9-52 and that two tenders were received as indicated below:-

Name of contractor	Estimate amount Rs.	Value of contract Rs.	Percentage above esti mate rates
1)Sri P.Ramaswami & Co. Coimbatore	2,26,342	2,94,727	30.4
2)The Modern Housing Construction Properties Ltd.	2,26,342	3,15,280	39.6

With a view to reduce the rates further the S.E. negotiated with the tenderers but no further reductio was found possible. Thereupon the C.E. approved the S.E's proposal to accept the tender of Sri P.Ramaswam and Co. subject to the withdrawal of the condition

ender. The contractors, however did not agree to withdraw this condition. The C.E. instructed that the work should be executed departmentally. He has reported that great difficulty is experienced in getting the work done departmentally in the out of the way malarial locality because of deep foundations and loose soils in foundation. He has stated that the D.E. ~~therefore~~ negotiated with the Modern Housing Construction and Properties Ltd. Madras, that this firm reduced the rate for one item which results in a total reduction of Rs.20,265, that certain conditions were also got modified or withdrawn by them and that the S.E. has recommended the present offer of this firm which works out to 30.16 percent above estimate rates. The C.E. has recommended that, considering all aspects of the case and the conditions obtaining in South Kanara, the offer of the Modern Housing Construction and Properties Ltd. may be accepted.

The C.E. has pointed out that much time has already been lost in negotiation, etc. and that it is desirable to start the work immediately in the present working season. He has, therefore, requested that the matter may be treated as very urgent and that orders approving the proposals may be issued expeditiously.

3. It may be mentioned that the Modern Housing Construction and Properties Ltd. were the contractors for the work of constructing the bridge across the Bharathapuzha in Malabar District. The C.E. reported in January 1951 that the progress in the execution of the work was very slow even though forfeiture was imposed on the contractors. (The bridge work was completed in November 1953). It is presumed that the C.E. is satisfied with the ability of the contractors to complete the present bridge work in South Kanara according to the programme to be fixed by the Highways Department.

The C.E. has stated that great difficulty is experienced in getting the work done departmentally. He has, however, not specified what portion of the work has been done departmentally and what is the value of the work done. It does not however seem necessary to pursue this point in view of 'B' on page 2 ante.

The value of contract of the Modern Housing Construction and Properties Ltd. according to their modified offer is Rs.2,94,655 and is ~~30.136~~ 30.18 per cent above the estimate rate when the cost of the steel and cement to be supplied departmentally is included and 44.45 above the estimate rate when the cost of steel and cement is excluded. It is for consideration whether the offer of the Modern Housing Construction and Properties Ltd. may be accepted. The C.E's proposal to accept the negotiated offer of the firm requires the approval of the Government - vide Note 3 under para 154 of P.W.D.Code.

4. After orders are passed the file may be sent to Finance.

The C.E's proposals may be accepted.

4.2.54 Dy. Fin

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Now while the estimates are before the Govt is willing to do the work at less than 30% premium. In view of the delay that may be involved I am inclined to ask the C.E. to invite fresh tenders. Finance will please advise

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P.W.D. U.O.No. 4745 A/54-1
5-2-54

Fin (Exp B)

Finance may agree with Rev. that the CE may be asked to invite fresh tenders for the work of construction of a submersible bridge (across the Ghrundia river in S. Kanara Dt) sanctioned in G.O. No. 5091 Rev. dated 11.12.51 at an estimated cost of Rs 2.4 lakhs.

Mr see below
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13/2/54

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The chances of getting more favourable tenders appear remote. Please compare the particulars of tenders obtained twice at 'A' on p.3 c/f. & of the negotiated tender at 'B' on p.3 above.

The increase of tender rate over estimate rate appears to be due to the remoteness of the locality etc. There were one or two cases previously where tenders involving much higher percentage increase over estimate rates were accepted in South Kanara Dt.

For orders.

ADDITIONAL DEPUTY SECRETARY TO GOVT.
0400 ER
5 FEB 1954
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The real point is that our Highways Dept has not built up the necessary equipment & personnel, to take up departmental execution whenever tender rates are ~~unduly expensive~~ unreasonable. The sooner this is ~~done~~ organised, the better for the dept. For that is the only effective way of reducing contractors to a reasonable frame of mind. This way take time, but a start should be made at some point. Calling for fresh tenders may not help very much, unless the ~~willingness to take~~ reaction to take up departmental execution is there ~~but~~ This dept: need not however object to fresh tenders being called for. The work after all, is not desperately urgent.

15.2.54

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Fin. U.O. 10400/EST/54
16-2-54

P.W(A2)

With reference to 'A' on p4 ante a draft memo is submitted for approval.

27.2.54

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(Issued as Memo. No. 4745 A/54-2 dated 1.3.54)

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The papers in this file may be closed with a call noted for 1-7-54.

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P.W(A2)

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S. No.	Date of entry in this register	Subject	old current Number	No. of Govt. order authorizing entry	Date when further action is to be taken
1.	16.3.54	Contracts - Highways Dept - South Kanara Division - Construction of submersible bridge at M15/2 of Bisley Ghat road	4745 A/1954	Memo No. 4745 A/54-2 dated 1-3-54	1-7-54

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Memo No. 5578 OA/54-1 Dated 15-7-54

Sub:- Contracts - Highways Dept - South Konma Division - Constructing submersible bridge at mile 15/1 of Bisley Ghat road - Tender Proposals.

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p11 cf / (Y) Ref:- Memo No. 4745 A/54-2, P.W., dated 1-3-54

p13 cf / (Y) From the CE(H) letter No. 193-D2/54-5 dated 15-5-54

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The CE(H) is requested to state whether

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fresh tenders have been called for the work and if so, when his report may be expected.

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14-7-54

To
23/7/54

TECE(H)
NR 15/8

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HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

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From
Sri K. K. Nambiar, B.E.,
M.I.E.(Ind), F.Inst.H.E.(Eng),
M.I.Mun.E.(Eng), M.Am.Soc.C.E.
Chief Engineer (Highways),
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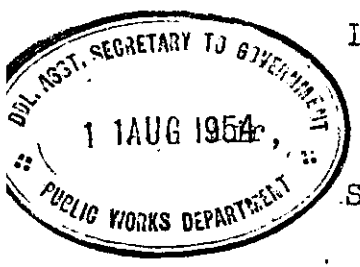
To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras-9.



Letter No. 193 D2/54-9 dated 9th August 1954

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Sub: CONTRACTS - Highways Department - South Kanara Division - Constructing a submersible bridge at M.15/1 of Bisley Ghat road - Tender proposals.

Ref: Government Memo No. 55480 A/54-1 dt. 15.7.1954.

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The Superintending Engineer (Highways) Coimbatore has called for fresh tenders. They will be disposed of as per rules.

for CHIEF ENGINEER (HIGHWAYS).

Nsk/090854.

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The Memo to the CE(CH) at P11 of P.W(A) file ~~#####~~ of Q & this Tenderer's letter on p5 ante may be read. He may be expected to come up to Govt if their approval is necessary, with reference to relevant rules, for acceptance of tender. It does not seem necessary to keep open the bid. The papers may be filed with Memo. No. 4745 A/54-2, P.W., dated 1-3-54 at (9)

23.8.54

LB 8.54

KW 20.8.54